

What Kind Of A Citizen Will He Make?



THE world calls him a nameless child. His father has left for parts unknown and the poor little mother—only a child herself, is bravely trying to support her baby. The public presumes that such cases are not so frequent as they used to be, but the public in its thinking is not always right. There are over 34,000 of these little nameless tots that are born in the United States every year.

A Good Start Means a Good Future

Just what the future holds for this baby boy, no one can say. But one thing is certain. The prisons, the jails and asylums are today full of grown-ups that were once sweet smiling baby boys. They are in their present plight because the most of them never had a chance to be self-respecting citizens. They were raised in filth and squalor and degradation. "Neglect" was the only thing in life that they were sure of.

The Coming Child Has the Right to Be Born Right

The Salvation Army, through a nation-wide appeal, is doing its part to see that these little ones have a chance to become self-respecting and law-abiding citizens. In each county of the state of Oklahoma, committees composed of prominent citizens are serving. These good people act in an advisory capacity for the Salvation Army. They comb their county to find the girl that is so unfortunate—as soon to be the mother of a nameless child.

These committees and the Salvation Army believe that the coming child has a right to be born right. They believe that in caring for the unfortunate mother, they are carrying out the decree of the master who said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

Mother Not Separated From Baby

The "mother to be" is at present cared for in the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital at San Antonio, Texas. All that she must do to gain admission is to agree that she will stay at home three months after the child is born and that she will agree to keep her baby and raise it to be a self-respecting, honorable citizen. Everything for her comfort is provided. She does not have to attend religious services unless she cares to. The services of the Salvation Army is enlisted, to see that she gets a square deal from "the man in the case" and when she leaves the home, the Salvation Army secures employment for her and cares for baby while she earns a living.

Girls Come From Scattered Districts

The girls who come to these Homes are from every walk in life and from every section of the country. Last year, in the San Antonio Home, girls from 49 different counties in Texas and from Oklahoma and Louisiana were cared for. A surprisingly large number are in their teens and many are between the ages of 13 and 15 years. In many cases their education has been entirely neglected and it is not an uncommon sight to see a group of girl-mothers going from the Salvation Army Rescue and Maternity Homes to public schools.

At the El Paso Home, last year, 23 maternity cases were accommodated, while the San Antonio Home took care of 90.

This Is Practical Christianity

This we believe is practical christianity. The Salvation Army has been called upon to aid so many

cases of this sort that the San Antonio Home is overcrowded and the time has come for Oklahoma to have its own Home,—built with Oklahoma money for Oklahoma people. Every town in the state that has a corps of the Salvation Army has been allotted its share of money to raise. \$9,500 is Tulsa's share for the State Rescue Home and Maternity Hospital.

We believe that it is your intention to help in this great humanitarian effort and you are to have that opportunity. The Salvation Army practices severe economy. Its workers dedicate their lives to their work and practice extreme self-denial. Out of your earnings, should be dedicated by you a portion to help support this great work and only \$3,000 is asked for the support of the Tulsa corps of workers.

The Tulsa Young Women's Home

Any additional amount over and above the \$9,500 for the Rescue Home and Maternity Hospital and the \$3,000 required for the local corps will go toward a fund for building the Salvation Army Young Women's Boarding Home in Tulsa, but time is required to put up a building, while the need is immediate and urgent.

It is a well known fact that the price of lodgings in Tulsa is excessively high. It is impossible for girls to obtain rooms without paying out nearly everything they earn, leaving very little for food and nothing for clothing. The present Salvation Army building has a number of rooms that are rented out to ex-service men. It is manifestly improper to take care of girls in a men's building, but we have done it rather than turn them out into the street.

DO YOU KNOW?

THAT—The Salvation Army operates Rescue and Maternity Homes in twenty-five cities of the United States?

THAT—Two of these Rescue and Maternity Homes are located in this Division?

THAT—Last year in the Western States alone 1,088 girl mothers were admitted to Salvation Army Homes?

THAT—1,058 babies were born in these homes?

THAT—In the San Antonio Home 90 girls were admitted last year, while the El Paso Home cared for 23 maternity cases.

THAT—The good the Army is accomplishing is shown by the fact that more than 90 per cent of the girls keep to the straight path after leaving the Homes?

THAT—In doing this the Salvation Army converts a liability into an asset, returning to society a respected mother in place of a girl of the streets?

THAT—Through the Salvation Army's Missing Friends Bureau and Free Legal Bureau the man in the case is frequently located and many happy marriages have resulted?

THAT—Girl-mothers as young as thirteen years have been received in these Homes, while the average age of the inmates is about 15 years?

THAT—The Salvation Army never separates a mother from her babe?

THAT—The Salvation Army trains the girls to be self-supporting before they leave the Home and then finds positions for them?

THAT—The Salvation Army accepts at these Homes any girl who is in trouble, whether or not she has friends or funds?

THAT—A girl is welcome to return to the Home at any time?

THAT—The Salvation Army keeps in close touch with the girls for at least three years after they leave the Homes and helps and assists them in every way possible.

THE TULSA FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SALVATION ARMY

(I. G. LONG, Chairman)

We Know That You Want to Do Your Part in This Splendid Work. Our Committee Workers Will Call on You Between October 4th and 11th

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